



Part 6: 3 Pillars of Marriage

3 Essential Elements of a Great Marriage:

1. Core Factor
2. Fun Factor
3. Faith Factor

1- The Core & Legal Definition of Marriage:

- **Financial Unity- Financial Needs**
- **Next of Kin- Personal Needs** (you're family- Blood is thicker than water, but spirit is thicker than blood)
- **Sexual Exclusivity- Sexual Needs**

These core items are ALL just as important!
There isn't 1 that is not important or less than another.

Protect the CORE

2- You gotta have FUN!

Without fun & sex, marriage is a business relationship & it is a terrible business relationship.

No one falls in love having a bad time :-)

Research on relationships & fun: *"People in happy relationships generate fun. It keeps their relationship strong, healthy & fresh."*

Major cities w/ baseball teams have 28% less divorces than major cities w/o baseball teams.

Lack of leisure time TOGETHER is ruining marriages.
(We need activities where we participate & interact together. TV & internet don't count because of its inability to bond relationships.)

Man fun: Want to have fun with a friend. Anything in that range qualifies as a date.

Woman fun: Women want to connect & communicate.
Considerable effort = a date

Men open up when they're having fun.
2 times when men will become the most emotionally vulnerable:
when having fun & after sex

Women want details, not headlines.

Look at men/women date preparation...

3- You keep God as the PRIORITY in your life & marriage

We trust in Him in our marriage & everything that we do!

We seek Him FIRST in everything!

Couples that regularly pray together have a 3% divorce rate.

When you have the faith factor present & a priority, the couple just doesn't get negative.

Jimmy Evans Quotes:

If you marry a normal person they're not gonna be like you.

You have to be a servant to be happily married.

Best marriage in the world is two servants in love.

Worst marriage in the world is two selfish people in love.

Marriage is in our DNA. God made us for marriage. We were

made for marriage.

God never created anything to fail. We were created to thrive in marriage.